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**SAME FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS.**

It is illegal for landlords and real estate agents to deny you housing opportunities because of your ethnicity. The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on national origin. If you believe you have experienced a violation of your rights, file a complaint.

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**FAIR HOUSING: THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE.**  
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## VILLAGE PARK GETS NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Village Park is getting new playground equipment just in time for Spring!

The existing playground equipment was 20 years old and it was time for a makeover.



The new playground will have something for children of all ages and abilities, such as climbing apparatus, a 23-foot-tall tunnel, towers, a rope venture, an urban swing, corkscrew slides and many more fun things to do!

The playground area is ideal for children aged two to 12 years old.

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## Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

### 2022 JIGGY WITH THE PIGGY FESTIVAL RETURNS MAY 11

Jiggy with the Piggy is back for 2022! The festival returns with the smells and tastes of barbeque and fun for the entire family. Make plans now to join us May 11 – May 15 in downtown Kannapolis.

Once again, we will host more than 70 barbeque competition teams. The BBQ teams are from across the U.S. and will compete for top bragging rights and prize money. This is one of the largest sanctioned events by the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

Our signature free concert Friday night will be Grammy-nominated and multi-platinum artist Sammy Kershaw. A native of Louisiana, Kershaw is known for his balladeer style. A prolific country singer, he has had two number one hits: *She Don't Know She's Beautiful* and *Love of My Life*, and a dozen top ten singles, including *Cadillac Style*, *Don't Go Near the Water* and *I Can't Reach Her Anymore*.

The festival, which has earned the recognition of being a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society, will have more than 100 arts & crafts vendors, concerts, a 5K walk/run, fireworks, a People's Choice pork tasting competition and an exciting Kids Zone. This year the Kannapolis Firefighter's Association will be back bringing their cooking skills to the festival and selling barbeque to the public. We have also added more barbeque and food vendors so you can fill up on many varieties of festival food.

As always, this festival and concert is free to the public. No pets please.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- 3 Sunday Music Series: Reinaldo Braun** | 1-3 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 8 Cannon Ballers Opening Game**
- 9 Strides for Stroke 5k**
- 17 Sunday Music Series: Three Point O's** | 1-3 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 23 Document Shred Event**  
10 a.m. | Village Park
- 30 Spring it On 5k**
- 30 Stories Under the Stars: Grey Seal Puppets** | 7 p.m. | Kannapolis Library

Concessions and food trucks available at concerts and movies. More at [kannapolisnc.gov](http://kannapolisnc.gov).



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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

• **6:30 p.m.: Jiggy with the Piggy 5K**, part of the Run Kannapolis Series. (Dress in a piggy related costume to win prizes.)

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

• **4-7 p.m.: Kannapolis Farmers Market opens for the season** – corner of Dale Earnhardt Boulevard and Vance Street.

• **6 p.m.: Thursdays on Main**, a free concert featuring New Local; Veterans Park.



**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

• **8 a.m.-5 p.m.: BBQ Competition teams arrive.**

• **5 p.m.: Festival opens to the public**, North Carolina Research Campus horseshoe. Food, arts & crafts, Kids Zone, carnival rides and more.

• **7 p.m.: Sammy Kershaw Concert**, North Carolina Research Campus horseshoe. Opening act: Red Dirt Revival. Fireworks follow the concert.

• **9 p.m. – Festival closes**

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

• **9 a.m.: Jiggy Festival opens to the public**, North Carolina Research Campus horseshoe. Food, arts & crafts, Kids Zone, music, carnival rides and more.

On Saturday, Kids Zone will feature a new Ninja Course.

• Noon-2 p.m.: People’s Choice Pork Tasting (while supplies last), North Carolina Research Campus horseshoe (Look for the signs and the white tent). Proceeds benefit the Kannapolis Rotary Club and the Kannapolis Youth Council. Festival attendees can purchase blocks of ten (10) samples for \$10. Throughout the day, barbeque teams compete for top awards and money prizes.

• **5 p.m.: Jiggy Festival Closes**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

• **1-3 p.m.: Sunday Music Series**, a free concert featuring Side Step Delux, Veterans Park.

For more information on the festival and all the great Jiggy fun, visit [www.jiggywiththepiggy.com](http://www.jiggywiththepiggy.com).

# KANNAPOLIS ROTARY EXPRESS TRAIN, CAROUSEL AND SPLASH PAD SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

**SPRING**

The Village Park Rotary Express train and carousel will be open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. every Saturday and noon-6 p.m. every Sunday beginning Saturday, April 2. The train and carousel will be open every weekend until Memorial Day when summer hours begin. Admission is \$1.50 for the train and \$1.50 for the carousel.



**SUMMER**

The train, carousel and splash pad summer hours begin on May 28, Memorial Day Weekend.

The Village Park Splash Pad hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. The last weekday the Splash Pad will be open will be August 19, but it will be open weekends through September 5. The Splash Pad will be open Labor Day from noon-6 p.m. Limited seating is available; parents/guardians may bring their own chairs Admission is \$1.50.

The Rotary Express Train at Village Park will open seven days a week: Monday-

Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. The last weekday the train will be open is August 19, but it will stay open weekends through October 16. The train will be open Labor Day from noon-6 p.m. Tickets to ride the train are \$1.50 per person.

The Village Park Carousel hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. The last weekday it will be open is August 19, but it will be

open weekends through October 16. The carousel will be open Labor Day from noon-6 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

Boomer’s Splash Zone at Atrium Health Ballpark is open every day from Memorial Day through September 30. This splash pad is self-operated by children playing in the splash pad. There is no admission fee except during Kannapolis Cannon Baller games when admission is included with each baseball game ticket.

## KANNAPOLIS FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 5

The Kannapolis Farmers Market will open for the 2022 season on Thursday, May 5. The market will be held every Thursday, 4-7 p.m., at the corner of Vance Street and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard. The market continues through September.



The market returns this year with many new vendors. You will be able to not only get your locally-sourced veggies and fruits, but grab a snack from a food truck, buy fresh flowers and purchase a variety of regional gifts such as soaps, jewelry, popcorn, wooden crafts and more.

The market will open with more than 10 new vendors. Returning

and new vendors offer a wide variety of fresh, local produce, as well as meat, eggs, spices, crafts, and prepared foods and sauces. While supplies last, customers can receive a free reusable bag when making a purchase of \$10 or more from a new vendor.

Sign up for text message reminders and updates about the farmers market and specials that vendors may be offering. Text MARKET to 855-969-4358. This is a new number so, if you subscribed before, you will need to sign up again. You may unsubscribe at any time.

For customers’ convenience, most vendors accept credit/debit cards.

IF YOUR DOG POOPS,  
YOU SCOOP

Help us keep our neighborhoods, sidewalks, greenways and parks beautiful.  
Please clean up after your dog and properly dispose of pet waste.

